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1. BEFORE COMMUNICATING CONTENTS REFTEL TO SECRETARIAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. REQUEST TO SECRETARIAT CONTAINED PARA 1 APPEARS TO BE TANTAMOUNT TO EITHER (I) ASKING THE SECRETARIAT TO REWRITE UNIDO'S PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 1974-75 OR (II) ASKING THE SECRETARIAT TO SUBMIT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER A RATHER THOROUGH-GOING PREVIEW OF UNIDO'S PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 1976-77. UNDER FORMER INTERPRETATION, REQUEST COULD BE VIEWED AS INVITING ABDEL-RAHMAN TO GIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE HIS "REAL" PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 1974-75 IN CONTRAST TO WHAT WAS SUBMITTED TO IDB-VII AND IS NOW BEFORE THE GA. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. POSTURE TOWARDS UNIDO'S PROGRAM/BUDGET AT THE 28TH GA I.E. OF HOW TO TREAT A SITUATION IN WHICH WE ON THE ONE HAND WOULD BE GIVING APPROVAL TO A PROGRAM/BUDGET CONTAINING UNIDO'S MARCHING ORDERS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND ON THE OTHER ASKING UNIDO TO IDENTIFY THE REAL NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE LDCS WHICH IT PRESUMABLY FAILED TO CONSIDER IN ITS BIENNIAL PROGRAM AND HOW UNIDO SHOULD BE UTILIZING
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ITS RESOURCES AND DISPOSING ITS STAFF TO DEAL WITH THEM. UNDER

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LATTER INTERPRETATION WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ABDEL-RAHMAN RE-
ACTION THAT WE ACTUALLY TRYING TO GET HIM TO PRODUCE IN A FEW
WEEKS A PROGRAM/BUDGET WHICH, UNDER PRESENT SCHEDULING, NOT DUE
TO BE SUBMITTED BY SECRETARIAT UNTIL SPRING OF 1975. IN THIS
CONNECTION, FIRST STEP AS WE UNDERSTAND IT FROM A/C.5/1429 PARA
19(A) IS FOR IDB-VIII TO DETERMINE THE OBJECTIVES (AND PRESUMABLY
THE PRIORITIES) WHICH SHOULD GUIDE THE SECRETARIAT'S PREPARATION
OF THE 1976-77 PROGRAM/BUDGET.

B. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF REQUEST CONTAINED PARA 1 REFTEL
TO THE UNDP CONTRY PROGRAMMING PROCESS? IS IT INTENDED TO DEMON-
STRATE THAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL TO 72 COUNTRY PRO-
GRAMS, WE ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT THEY ADDRESS THE REAL NEEDS AND
PRIORITIES OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR
AND THAT WE WISH TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL STATEMENT OF NEEDS AND
PRIORITIES WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE
IF THEIR COUNTRY PROGRAMS ARE TO RECEIVE OUR APPROVAL IN THE UNDP
GOVERNING COUNCIL IN THE FUTURE. (THIS WOULD APPEAR CONTRADICTED
BY TEXT AND TONE OF DEPT'S A-7365.)

C. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, UK HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST TO SECRETARIAT
FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR PROJECTS IN THE UNDP
COUNTRY PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR ARE LIKELY TO BE ALLOCATED TO
UNIDO -- THE ANALYSIS TO SHOW HOW THESE PROJECTS ARE DISTRIBUTED
AMONG UNIDO'S WORK GROUPS WITH AN INDICATION IN EACH CASE OF THE
NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND THEIR LIKELY TOTAL COST IN MONEY AND MAN-
MONTHS. UK REQUEST SHOULD PROVIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH FIRST
APPROXIMATION OF HOW LDC'S VIEW THEIR INDUSTRIAL PRIORITIES IN THE
CONTEXT OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING. DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER
THIS INFORMATION BASICALLY SUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSE OF PARA 4. IT
SEEMS TO US, IN ANY CASE, THAT EXERCISE CALLED FOR BY PARA 4 MIGHT
BE RESTRICTED TO PERIOD SINCE INTRODUCTION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING,
SINCE ONE OF THE FREQUENT COMPLAINTS ABOUT PREVIOUS PROCEDURE FOR
UNDP PROGRAMMING WAS HIGH-PRESSURE SALESMANSHHIP TACTICS OF EXE-
CUTING AGENCIES WHICH RESULTED IN SOMEWHAT FALSE PICTURE OF LDC
PRIORITIES. IF WE RIDE ALONG WITH THE UK REQUEST, WE COULD, IN
ORDER TO COVER OTHER THAN COUNTRY PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THIS PER-
IOD, REQUEST UNIDO TO PROVIDE THE SAME ANALYSIS OF UNIDO PROJECTS
FUNDED OTHER THAN THROUGH UNDP IPF'S.STIBRAVY

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